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Re New Orleans letter to Bureau 9/14/67

PC contacted on 9/29/67, 10/26/67, 11/14/67 and

12/3/67.

on 11/14/67, informant advised that he has opened a new restaurant in partnership with JIM SENNER, one of the owners of the Bienville House Motel.

The new restaurant is named Cafe Banquette, 601 Chartres Street, telephone 523-8407. Informant advised this used to be known as Victor's Restaurant, and that VICTOR SALADINO still owns the premises. Informant advised that this restaurant is now being operated by him as a sidewalk cafe, serving only three specialty sandwiches, cheese and wine.

Informant stated that none of MARCELLO's money is in this venture and that he is operating it solely with SENNER.

Informant advised on 12/6/67, that ROY OCCHIPINTI's wife SIDNEY was born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa; both of her parents were Russian immigrants. SIDNEY was married previously to an unknown individual and lived in Mexico City for five years.

Informant stated that ROY OCCHIPINTI clears about \$30,000 a year from the Creole Candy Comapmy. Source further stated that ROY OCCHIPINTI bought his wife a 5.85 carat diamond for Christmas. This ring supposedly cost \$9,000, however, OCCHIPINTI was able to purchase it for \$6,000.

Informant further stated that ROY OCCHIPINTI's eleven year old son JOHN, who recently was the subject of a

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feature article in Life magazine, has been offered a \$30,000 advance on his book by a Boston publishing house. This publishing house primarily publishes children's books.

Informant stated that the only economic connection still remaining between the OCCHIPINTI brothers and CARLOS MARCELLO is in Southern Tours, Inc. Informant stated that Southern Tours is divided up in the following manner: 1/3, ANTHONY MARCELLO, 1/3 BASIS "BUSTER" INGRASSIA, and the remaining 1/3 divided equally between ROY and FRANK OCCHIPINTI.

ROY and FRANK OCCHIPINTI net about \$125 apiece per week from this company. Recently CARLOS MARCELLO attempted to buy out the OCCHIPINTI's 1/3 of this business; however, MARCELLO would not pay \$60,000, which is the value fixed by the CCCHIPINTI's. Informant stated that FRANK OCCHIPINTI heads up a group of investors who are currently building the Informant stated that Bonaparte Motel, 3900 Tulane \Avenue. MARCELLO does not have a piece of this motel. This motel will be a 102 unit motel with nightclub, restaurant, and large swimming pcd. Informant further stated that RALPH DAVIDSON will take over as manager of this motel when it is completed. Informant stated DAVIDSON is a former degenerate gambler who is now the manager of FRANK OCCHIPINTI's Banquette Restaurant, 601 Chartres Street. Informant stated that this investment of FRANK OCCHIPINTI has been so successful that FRANK is opening three more Banquette's in New Orleans as soon as he can locats a desirable site.

Informant stated that ROY OCCHIPINTI was attempting to buy the Reiss Candy Company recently and had arranged to finance this transaction through the Whitney Bank. Informant stated that ROY OCCHIPINTI believes that Mr. REISS, the owner of the company, believed this was MARCELLO money attempting to purchase his business, hence he would not sell.

Informant advised December 6, 1967, that District Attorney JIM GARRISON resides at 4600 Owens Boulevard, New Orleans. Informant stated that the house in which GARRISON resides was built for GARRISON by FRANK OCCHIPINTI. FRANK OCCHIPINTI resides next door to GARRISON. Informant stated that GARRISON has some type of armed guard at his house.

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Informant pointed out that FRANK OCCHIPINTI is a longtime business partner of CARLOS MARCELLO. MARCELLO and OCCHIPINTI were associated in numerous business ventures and are still in business in a company known as Southern Tours, Inc., 1225 Airline Highway, New Orleans.

Informant stated that CARRISON-arranged for an apartment for one MARK LANE and that LANE currently has this apartment at 833 Dauphine Street, New Orleans.

It appears that PC is developing well however he has not yet realized his full potential. It is recommended that he be continued as a PCI.